Comments to MRS

TO: DBE

FROM: MRS

RE: Recommendation that Kilmer Area be changed to Livingston Campus

DATE: April 6, 1990

I agree there is confusion regarding the identity of Livingston College on what is commonly called the Kilmer Campus (never the Kilmer "Area").

Although the LCGA resolution clearly requests the designation of "the entirety of Kilmer Campus be renamed Livingston Campus", I believe all would be best served by

1. Renaming the land between Metlars Lane and Cedar Lane, the Livingston Campus

2. Retaining "Kilmer Area" as the designation of that land east of Cedar Lane, which is not a "campus" in the academic sense. (Considering the "utilitarian" look of that area, I would think Livingston College might wish to be disassociated from it anyway, and the Kilmer army connection does help excuse the barracks.)

It might be especially meaningful to do this in honor of William Livingston in the 200th year since the end of his term as the first governor of New Jersey (1790). And maybe we could even get "our" current governor to participate in a rededication of the campus yet this year. We need all the cheer we can get this year. (Want to do it the day we rededicate Winants Hall?)

Is there some way to include in this process the naming of the commercial/housing development to be place on the "Livingston Campus"? How about "Governor's Estates"?

It would also be positive reinforcement of respectful student process to grant this request.

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Secretary of the University

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March 26, 1990

TO:

Donald B. Edwards

Paul L. Leath

Joseph P. Whiteside

FROM:

Norman H. McNatt

SUBJECT: Renaming of Kilmer Area

At a meeting on March 23, 1990, the Plaques, Monuments and Names Committee discussed the proposal of the Livingston College Governing Association that the Kilmer Area be renamed the Livingston Campus.

After discussion the Committee decided to consult with each of you and to ask you in turn to consult with groups in your area who would be interested in or affected by such a change. After I hear from you, we will further consider the proposal.

For your information, I attach a copy of the communication from the LCGA and an excerpt from the minutes of the September 10, 1965 Board meeting at which Livingston College and the Kilmer Area were named.

Attachments

### LIVINGSTON COLLEGE GOVERNING ASSOCIATION

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March 8, 1990

Mr. Norman McNatt Secretary of the University Old Queens Building Rm. 207

Dear Mr. McNatt,

On behalf of the Livingston College Governing Association(LCGA), I am formally requesting that your committee, University Committee on Plaques and Monuments, look into and approve the renaming of Kilmer Campus to Livingston Campus to serve as one of the steps in improving our college's identity. I understand that the next meeting is March 23, 1990, and hope this issue makes the agenda.

The LCGA unanimously passed the enclosed resolution on February 26, 1990. For your information, the Livingston College Executive Council of Fellows, Rutgers College Governing Association, and Cook College Council all approved a similar resolution unanimously. The Douglass College Government Association passed a resolution overwhelmingly.

If there are any questions or if you need more information please call me at (201)-878-0177. The LCGA will be happy to help out in any way. We hope your committee will approve our request.

Sincerely,

Yash V. Dalal

LCGA Treasurer

cc Anike Ajagunna, Dean Jenkins, Dean Jones, Provost Leath & Acting President Pond

#### LIVINGSTON CAMPUS RESOLUTION

#### LC 90-01

- Whereas, Livingston College seeks to build a stronger identity within the Rutgers University community; and,
- Whereas, the disparity between the terms Kilmer Campus and Livingston College contributes to Livingston College's lack of identity; and,
- Whereas, Livingston College is overshadowed by its larger, and constantly expanding neighboring campuses; and,
- Whereas, a uniform campus and college name would serve to strengthen Livingston College's identity.
- Resolved, That the Livingston College Governing Association request that the entirety of Kilmer Campus be renamed Livingston Campus.

Submitted by Greg Panara, Steve Haak, & Yash Dalal

APPROVED BY LCGA FEBRUARY 26,1990

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The motion was seconded and carried.

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#### Reports of Committees

#### Report of the Committee on Building Names

On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Nichols recommended the following:

- 1. That the name of the first college to be established on the former Kilmer land be Livingston College in honor of the first Governor of the State of New Jersey, William Livingston, who served in that capacity from 1776 to 1790.
- 2. That the land on which Livingston and other colleges will be established be named the Kilmer Area in honor of the Kilmers -- Joyce, the poet (1826-1918), who was a student at Rutgers from 1904 to 1906, and his father, Dr. Frederick Barnett Kilmer (1851-1934), an early graduate student at Rutgers, and a prominent citizen of New Brunswick who served for more than thirty years as Director of the Scientific Department of Johnson & Johnson, and as Fresident of the New Brunswick Board of Health and Dean of the Nurses Training School at St. Peter's Hospital, New Brunswick, for a number of years. The Committee also believed it important to keep the name of an area which, as a major military installation in World War II, was well known to millions of American soldiers and their families at the time, and which has been used by the Department of Defense for a variety of other important functions since then.
- 3. That the name of Livingston Hall, one of the three dormitories located on George Street, New Brunswick, be changed to Campbell Hall in honor of William H. Campbell, the distinguished President of Rutgers College who served from 1862 to 1882.
- 4. The the Science I Building in Newark be named Seth Boyden Hall in honor of the distinguished inventor and industrialist of that City who lived from 1788 to 1870.

Dr. Nichols' motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

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#### Report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Levin, Chairman of the Committee, reported on the following matters for the Committee:

Claim Against the University. Acting on the authority granted by the Board of Governors on July 16, 1965, the Committee had authorized University Counsel to endeavor to settle up to a specified amount a claim against the University in connection with the construction of the new Physics Building.

Owner-Architect Agreement. Also acting on the authority granted by the Board of Governors on July 16, 1965, the Committee had agreed to delete from the proposed owner-architect agreement that stage of the procedure for paying executive architects under which the University would have retained 10 per cent of the architects' fee until final acceptance of the building.

# It's official: Kilmer now Livingston campus

Board of Governors votes unanimously

By EVAN ALTER and TARA BARRI TT

As expected, the University Hoard of Clov emors voted manimously on Friday to change the name of the Kilmer campus to Livingston campus, ending a yearlong struggle by I ivingston College students to help strengthen their school's identity

The cumpaign began Feb. 28, 1990, when three Livingston College Governing Association members - President Yash Dalal and members Greg Panera and Stephen Haak, all juniors, introduced a resolution calling for the renaming of the campus.

The resolution passed unanimously and soon gained overwhelming support from all the undergraduate student governing associations.

From there it went to the New Brunswick Faculty Council, where after some initial hesitation concerning the loss of the Kilmer name from the University, it passed with strong support.

By the time the faculty accepted the resolution, it had broad support from students, faculty and administrators - especially Livingston College administrators. It was opposed only by School of Business administrators, who felt their school, which is also located on the campus, was being ignored.

New Brunswick Provost Paul Leath endorsed the resolution and sent it to the BOG. The board's approval Friday was essentially a rubber stamp, University officials said.

This weekend, an unofficial poll of about 20 Livingston College students revealed that not everyone shares the enthusiasm of the LCGA.

Some Livingston College students felt the

The Daily Targum, February 11, 1991

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VICTORY: Junior LCGA members Stephen Haak, Yash Dalal and Greg Panera (left to right) rejoice after the BOG voted to rename the Kilmer campus to the Livingston

name change was unnecessary. Other stu- ton said he felt the name of the campus is not dents supported it, but felt that there are more significant. He added that the money and important changes that should take priority on the campus, such as extending library hours, upgrading residence halls and adding microwaves to Tillet Dining Hall.

Livingston College junior Howard Single-

time should be devoted to upgrading the campus instead.

However, senior Lisa Marston said chang-

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# Kilmer name change final: it's Livingston

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ing the name means that Livingston students are being recognized. The next step, she said, is to organize activities for students from other campuses in order to draw them to Livingston.

Alden Allison, a junior, agreed the name change was positive, adding the campus name should reflect the school that calls it home.

In order to preserve the Kilmer name, University officials have proposed changing the name of the Rutgers Ecological Preserve on Livingston campus to memorialize the New Jersey poet, Joyce Kilmer.

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